

For information -
as to how Board came into
possession of Haines Property

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
to
Executive Committee
Board of National Missions
September 20, 1940.

PROPERTY AT HAINES, ALASKA

The United States Government is considering the development of an airport in Haines, Alaska, as part of the National Defense Program. The Board has been asked to release to the Government a strip of land, extending approximately 1600 feet, to be used as part of the runway. This is uncleared land which is not being used by the Board at the present time, and which has never been used.

In or about the year 1896 the Board of Home Missions acquired Occupancy Rights to approximately $366\frac{1}{2}$ acres of property in order to develop its missionary work

work among the natives at Haines. In recognition of the Board's rights the Board of Home Missions was requested by the United States Government, several years later, to transfer to it, for use of the Fort William Henry Seward Post (now known as the Chilkoot Barracks) 100 acres of land to be taken from such Occupancy Rights. The Board released this 100 acres to the Government without charge. Subsequently, the Board of Home Missions applied to the Government for Patent to the remaining land held under the Occupancy Rights, and under date of September 16, 1912 a Patent was issued to the Board for the remaining $266\frac{1}{2}$ acres, our present holdings at Haines. The military post has been maintained at Haines ever since and is a great support to the little Village.

It is now recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the proper officers of the Board, be and they hereby are, authorized, in the name and behalf of the Board and under its seal, to execute any and all resolutions, indentures, conveyances, or special forms required to complete the transfer of the land required by the United States Government, for the creation of an airport at Haines, Alaska, without making any charge to the Government for the required portion of the Board's land.

